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Advent



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

WITH MARY, WE BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass times & information

SAT	4:00 p.m. (Vigil)
SUN	8:00 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	11:30 a.m.
MON - THU	7:30 a.m.
FRI	8:30 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON - THU 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FRI 8:00 a.m. — Noon

SAT Closed

SUN Closed

Holidays Closed

FAITH FORMATION

313-884-5554

BAPTISMS

Please call the Faith Formation Office (313-884-7407) during the last months of pregnancy to arrange for Baptism classes and schedule the Sacrament.

Everyone has a right to their own sacramental certificate. No one has the right to another person's certificate, except: the parent/guardian of a minor child. (Archdiocese of Detroit)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment

ANOIDING OF THE SICK/ MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Church strongly encourages people to receive the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at the early stages of serious sickness or before serious surgeries.

In emergency situations needing the prompt attention of a priest, please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Must be a registered member, in good standing, of OLSOS.

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office or online at OLSOS.org.

Please notify the Parish Office of address changes.

Adults over 21 need to be registered as an individual member to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing.

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Happy Advent! Happy New (Liturgical) Year! There is always a lot of excitement this time of the year. There is the planning, the shopping, the baking, the different activities, and gatherings. Hopefully, in the midst of it all, we can still remember the priorities and reason of the season. Our Advent theme this year is, "When Christ enters, home begins." [This is also our focus this Tuesday at our annual Advent Family Night.]

We all know the distinction between house and home. A house is simply a place of shelter. A home is a residence, a place of permanence, a place of security, comfort, protection, and love. Home is where we are in the arms of someone who loves us and whom we love. When we let Christ in our house, He is there to provide that comfortable, secure place where love flourishes. There is a peaceful existence that permeates all we do.

Let's celebrate the season of Advent this year, even as we naturally combine and blend it with the season of Christmas, with a deliberate acknowledgement to making more room for Christ in our own hearts and then that in the lives of our family members. Advent is the time to prepare for Christmas. We see the days get shorter and the darkness of the night starts sooner. With Christmas, and the Light of Christ, the days get longer and brighter – just as the presence of Christ sheds light in our life. Even as we might put up the tree and decorations around the house, and as we light up the outside of our homes, let us be mindful of how we are preparing for the Christmas season that begins, not ends, on Dec. 25.

Another place we encounter Jesus, and invite Him to be a part of our life, is at the celebration of Holy Mass. If you have been a bit lax in participating in Sunday Mass, consider why the Church teaches us this weekly obligation. God gave us this commandment, and Jesus gave us the Eucharist at the Last Supper, because He knows us and He knows we need this weekly participation in receiving Him and, likewise, offering Jesus back to God the Father. Advent is a time for a new beginning, a new renewal, another chance to be intimately connected with Jesus. Feel like you have been missing something? Let Jesus enter, and find the best home available!

As you prepare your soul, your heart, your home this Advent, pause from the rush throughout the day and spend time being with God. See in the "things" of the season the many expressions of God's majesty and love. Experience the Sacraments and let the Grace of God flow through you!

**** This first week of Advent is packed with wonderful activities. Monday night: our Advent Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament takes on a "praise and worship" style, allowing yourself to be immersed in powerful music and uplifting words for the soul Tuesday night: our Parish Advent night for one and all, the family of Star of the Sea. A time to be social, to pray, to listen, to sing, and then to light up our Christmas Star! Saturday morning is the Advent Reflection a time to pray, reflect and enjoy fellowship with others. Next Sunday, our Knights of Columbus offer their St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast.**

**** Thank you for your generosity with the Giving Tree. Please remember to return the unwrapped gifts by next Sunday at 12:30 pm. They will be sorted, and bagged, for distribution to the receiving agencies at that time.**

Have a blessed Week letting the Lord enter more fully into your life and family!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Please pray for:

In memoriam

12/2/1981 Adele Ahee
 12/2/1990 Charles W. Moore
 12/2/1996 William R.D'Arcy III
 12/2/2007 Emeline Fikany
 12/2/2022 Anne M. Scapini
 12/3/1965 Roma Cracchiolo
 12/3/1973 Gary Calcaterra
 12/3/1987 Henry Martin
 12/3/1992 Margaret Moody
 12/3/2002 Alice Yaklin
 12/3/2003 Therese Taylor
 12/3/2004 Lois Martin
 12/3/2012 Nancy Bordato
 12/3/2015 Ralph Donald Newa
 12/3/2021 Doris Trupiano
 12/4/1964 Marge Birmingham
 12/4/1967 James David Petz
 12/4/1969 Noma Clapp
 12/4/1977 Margaret DeFour
 12/4/1978 Rosemary Linde
 12/4/1984 Charles E. Beach
 12/4/1984 Ralph Daigle
 12/4/1985 Mary Ann Resmer
 12/4/1993 Jessica M. Barthel
 12/4/2002 Mary Hayes
 12/4/2018 Marie Koueiter
 12/4/2021 Karen Labadie
 12/5/1959 Frank Donovan
 12/5/1969 John Molloy
 12/5/1972 Rose Diem
 12/5/1992 Joyce Tuck
 12/5/2001 Mary Elizabeth Brinkman
 12/5/2004 James Thomas Pendency
 12/5/2014 Ralph Hinz
 12/5/2018 William Cosgrove, Sr.
 12/5/2023 Thomas Neych
 12/6/1968 Edward Ruth
 12/6/1977 Charles Flemion
 12/6/1979 Anna Poust
 12/6/1986 Marie Connelly
 12/6/2000 Catherine Viviano
 12/6/2002 Tony Bufalino

12/6/2016 Robert Rahaim
 12/7/1979 William Ulrich
 12/7/1982 Jennie Thieman
 12/7/1984 Leo Doyle
 12/7/1996 Robert Arthur
 12/7/2000 Adeline O'Berski
 12/7/2004 Mary Ellen VanAssche
 12/7/2005 Marie Luber
 12/7/2021 Lilian Rogers
 12/8/1982 Alfred Fiori
 12/8/2002 Mary Jane Shayer
 12/8/2002 Evelyn Wayne
 12/8/2003 Paul Schwanitz
 12/8/2007 Marie Venditti
 12/8/2014 Ann Kratochwill

the sick

Jennie Barzotti
 Jeanne Collins
 Barbara Drader
 Kaynoa Dunn
 Mary Anne Gargaro
 Patricia Hanna
 Christine Mathis
 Tom Mocer
 Cathy Spindler
 Mary Surmont
 E. Noreen Szyborski
 Joyce Tranchida
 Suzanne Underwood
 Christopher Urban
 James Victor
 Martha Victor
 Elaine Westerman
 Pam Wilson
 Thomas J. Youngblood

those in the military

Connor Barthel
 James Patrick Carrier
 Josh Duffy
 Richard Shetler, III
 William Sottrel
 John Walker

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 2

7:30 a.m. +Lori Spindler
 +Jazzmin Spindler

Tuesday, December 3

7:30 a.m. +Jazzmin Spindler
 +Vito Cusenza

Wednesday, December 4

7:30 a.m. +Anthony Vitale
 +Karen Labadie

Thursday, December 5

7:30 a.m. +John Ahee
 +William Cosgrove
 +Barbara Hughes
 Mike Rogers

Friday, December 6

8:30 a.m. +Jazzmin Spindler

Saturday, December 7

4:00 p.m. +David Graham
 +Robert Brooks
 +Christ Bertakis
 +Joseph Dillon

Sunday, December 8

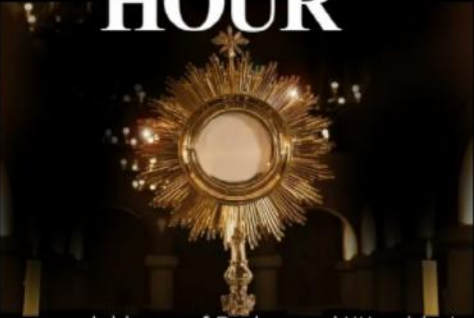
8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro
 Drew Jerome
 +Lori Spindler

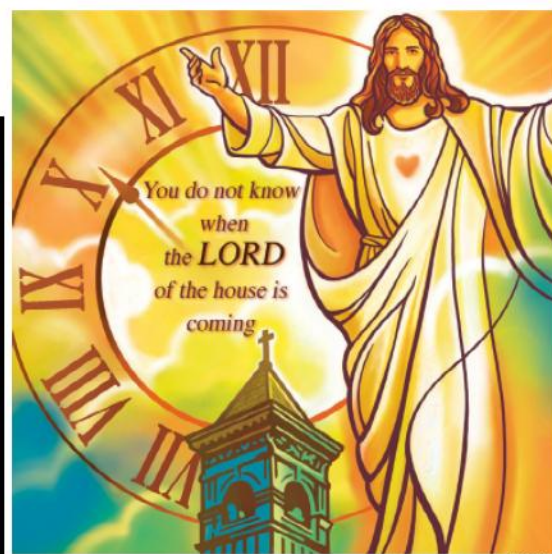
11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
 +Jazzmin Spindler
 +Maria Alicia Oxholm

ADVENT HOLY HOUR

Monday, December 2
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Join us for a special hour of Praise and Worship type music and bit more enhanced than our normal monthly holy hours. The Lord will be waiting for you!



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Advent Reflection Morning

Pray, Reflection & Lunch

Saturday, December 7th
9:30 am - 12:00 pm
In the Pointe

Fill out the form below and return to the parish office
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Name: _____
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ANNUAL ADVENT NIGHT

WHERE CHRIST ENTERS, HOME BEGINS

December 3 | 6:30 PM

An evening of carols, cocoa, cookies,
getting into the Advent mindset,
and the lighting of our Christmas Star.

*The evening will be partially outside. Please
dress accordingly.*

FORMED® ADVENT CALENDAR 2024

<https://daily.formed.org/advent>

SUNDAY December 8	MONDAY December 9	TUESDAY December 10	WEDNESDAY December 11	THURSDAY December 12	FRIDAY December 13	SATURDAY December 14
Rooted Day 8 Week Two Adore w/ Fr. John Burns CHILDREN Day 8 The Days of Advent Light the Second Ad- vent Candle Marcam	Rooted Day 9 Mary of Nazareth CHILDREN Day 9 The Days of Advent Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe	Rooted Day 10 Week 2 Behold w/ Sr. Miriam James, SOLT CHILDREN Day 10 The Days of Advent The Annunciation Drawing Closer to God	Rooted Day 11 Mary's Labor: What does Catholic Tradition Have to Say? CHILDREN Day 11 The Days of Advent Christmas Special Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids	Rooted Day 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego Catholic Saints CHILDREN Day 12 The Days of Advent Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Juan Diego Littlest Saints	Rooted Day 13 The Fourth Wise Man CHILDREN Day 13 The Days of Advent Our Lady of Guadalupe Brother Francis and Friends	Rooted Day 14 The Story of the Nativity CHILDREN Day 14 The Days of Advent Marcam's Christmas Gratitude List Marcam

ADVENT AT STAR

*Where Christ enters,
home begins*

First Sunday of Advent	Dec. 1
Praise & Worship Holy Hour	Dec. 2, 7:00 PM
Annual Advent Night	Dec. 3, 6:30 PM
Advent Reflection Morning	Dec. 7, 9:30 AM
Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra	Dec. 8, 7:00 PM
School Christmas Concert	Dec. 12, 6:30 PM
One Voice Concert	Dec. 14, 6:00 PM
Judelaire's Concert	Dec. 19, 7:30 PM

Confession Times: Dec. 10, 6:30 PM,
Dec. 16, 6:30 PM | Dec. 17, 2:00 PM
Dec. 19, 1:00 PM



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Bereavement Group



SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting
Our Lady Star of the Sea
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
1:00 pm - in the Pointe
Questions? Contact the Parish office 313-884-5554

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 1, 2024

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Our Sunday Coffee & Donut Ministry



This monthly treat of fresh goodies and hot coffee is an opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new ones, and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners.

We are always looking for friendly faces to join our Hospitality Team – it's a great way to support your parish and be a welcoming presence! Contact Judy Zedan, jl.zedan@gmail.com for more information.

Make plans to join us soon! December 22 / January 26 / February 23 / March 23 / April 27 / May 18

Prayer Group

every **Wednesday at 3:00 pm** in the O.L.S.O.S. prayer and Eucharistic chapel on Morningside, to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

We pray for world peace and all the parish intentions

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday - **11am - 2pm**
in the Parish Office Chapel

Holy Hour

December 2nd

7:00 pm in the church



Parish Giving Tree

Unwrapped gifts are to be returned by

December 8th no later than 12:30pm

ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING OUR GIFT:

Fr Marko's— Holy Family Christmas Store: Tags will include—trucks, stuffed animals, baby dolls, cars, Sweatshirts, jogger pants, board games, and sport balls

St Aloysius—Neighborhood Services: Tags for adult size warm sleeping bags, girls & boys coats all sizes, adult sweatshirt hoodies, tube socks, hand warmers, & warm hats & gloves

Mary's Children: Gift Cards—Kroger or Costco

St Veronica Parish: Gift cards— Target, Kroger, Walmart

Our Lady Star of the Sea : Gift Cards—Kroger, Target, Meijer

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**All orders are due no later than
Tuesday, December 10th**



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PICK UP

Wednesday, December 18th

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Under Church Canopy

St. Nicholas

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 8

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
To bring Holy Communion to
the sick and the homebound
of our parish.

We are in need of help on 2 days
you will be added to a rotating schedule.

Wednesdays

we distribute communion at the Rivers at 11:00 am

Fridays

we distribute communion to the homebound
in their homes. We start around 9:00 am

Please contact the Parish Office
(313-884-5554).

***All volunteers must have completed
The Virtus Training***



Thank you!!

Mrs. Morris' 2nd
grade class had a
class project of filling
their own boxes to
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Thank you



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as he confronts our doubts and reveals God's love
with app-exclusive **daily video reflections and scripture passages.**

Discover who God is, who we are,
and how we are made worthy to stand in his presence.
What if you knew that December 25th, Christmas Day
was the day that you were going to die?
The way we live Advent would have to change.

We'd have to live with intentionality.
We'd have to live it with purpose.
We'd have to live it with grace.

Too often, we live life by "default". We forget that we are on a journey to an eternal destination
of joy that we were made for.

We are burdened by fears and questions: what if I am not worthy? What if I am not enough?

Live Advent differently this year. Prepare to meet God, face to face.

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As parishioners of Star, you can be a part of the funeral ministry by:

- † Being part of the wake ministry team Praying a rosary or a scripture service at the funeral home
- † as adult altar servers
- † Cantor
- † Lector
- † Eucharistic Ministers
- † Being part of the choir

We pray, serve, and assist the family in praying their family member home to eternal life. It is a time to help those who are hurting to know the love and comfort of God through the care and support of the community. If interested, please contact Debby Veltri at D.veltri@stargp.org

FAITH DIRECT

Support Our Lady Star of the Sea through **online giving**

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Stewardship Thoughts

As we begin this holy season of Advent, we should consider taking inventory of our lives. In today's Gospel from the evangelist St. Luke, Jesus tells of the signs associated with the end times. For faithful disciples, though, Christ reassures us: But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. In other words, stand firm in your faith before the Lord when He comes again in glory and power. St. Paul reminds the Thessalonian community, and us, that our Lord strengthens us to love God and one another — to be blameless in holiness before Him. Faithful stewards acknowledge that expressing evangelization through stewardship as a way of life deepens our quest for holiness. As we prepare for Christ's birth, avoid the busyness of the "holiday season" by making time to read Scripture daily and attend Mass frequently to receive Holy Communion.

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Fr. Eric Fedewa

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Daily: MWFS 8:30 a.m. T 7:00 p.m.

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PRIESTS *IN SOLIDUM*

Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin

Fr. Bob Voiland

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and 12:00 p.m.

Daily: MTWTHF 7:00 a.m.

W 6:00 p.m.

ST LUCY

PRIEST *IN SOLIDUM*

Fr. Jim Commyn

586-771-8300

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 am

Daily: MF 9:00 a.m. W 12:00 p.m.

ST VERONICA

PRIEST *IN SOLIDUM*

Fr. Stan Pachla

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Daily: TWTH 7:45 a.m. (Convent)

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Msgr. Gary Smetanka

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